Rashtriya Mahila Kosh

2064. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has been constituted to facilitate credit to the poor women with a view to making them self-reliant;

(b) if so, the number of women to whom this loan-has been granted during 1995-96 alongwith the State-wise details of the latest number; and

(c) the target fixed for the next three years and the amount sanctioned for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. *(See* below)

(c) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh is intended to benefit at least two lakh women in the first six years of its existence (w.e.f. 30.3.1993).

Statement

State-wise position of credit limit sanctioned during the year 1995-96

S.N	). Name of the State	No. of borrowers	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16526	334.20
2.	Bihar	1200	25.00
3.	Gujarat	570	14.00
4.	Haryana	—	0.86*
' 5.	Himachal Pradesh	25	1.50
6.	Kamataka	210	5.00
7.	Kerala	4000	86.00
8.	Madhya Pradesh	—	2.00*
9.	Maharashtra	2500	70.00
10.	Orissa	75	1.00
11.	Rajasthan	1700	50.00
12.	Tamil Nadu	9021	236.00
13.	Uttar Pradesh	650	14.00
14.	West Bengal	1025	21.50
		37502	801.66

*for group formation

Imipact of Dams on the Flora and Fauna

2065. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made on the impact of construction of dams on the environment, particularly, on the flora and fauna on the Islands in the man-made lakes; and

(b) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN

PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Studies are routinely undertaken by the project authorities prior to initiating any work with respect to construction of dams. These studies, inter-alia, cover status of the catchment and command areas, flora/ fauna and the extent of rehabilitation required. The studies bring out the amount of damage which could be caused to the Physical and biological environment. Based on the findings of the surveys, requisite environmental management plans arc prepared for minimising the adverse impact of the project which includes management of flora/fauna on the islands which may be formed.

Development of Dairy Industry in Madhya Pradesh

2066. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any definite strategy for developing a viable and self-sustaining dairy industry in the State of Madhya Pradesh, particularly, in its tribal and backward areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) and (b) Apart from State Government's programmes for dairy development and the Operation Flood III project in Madhya Pradesh, Government of India has sanctioned Integrated Dairy Development Projects for the districts of Central Baster, Guna, Narsinghpur, Satria, Rewa, Khargone and Chhatarpur at a total cost of Rs. 13.80 crores during the 8th Plan peirod.

Special Cell for Ticket Refund

2067. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Cell for 'On the Spot' settlement of ticket refund has been set-up under Northern Railway at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the functions, working timings and organisational set up of this Cell;

(c) whether some telephonic enquiries have also been provided on this Cell;

(d) whether the passengers desiring for refund will have to undergo some formalities in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to set-up similar Cells under other zones of the railways in the near future; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached, *(see below)*

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Passenger is guided to complete the formalities on the merits of case.

(f) and (g) The Cell has been set-up by Northern Railway so as to expeditiously handle the heavy in-take of refund claims on that Railway. Setting up of similar Cells on other railways will depend on the volume of such refund claims cases there.

Statement

The Cells deals with the enquiries about the refund of the passengers. They are registered and claimant is given a particular time by which the case is likely to be settled. It works from 10.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. on all the working days.

The Cell works under overall supervision of Chief Rates Manager, Northern Railway with one senior scale and three Assistant scale Officers to assist him. The Cell is manned by Inspectors who deal with public complaints.